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John Wendolowski, Senior Executive Retires from NAVAIR

November 28, 2007 – Lakehurst, NJ: After more than 35 years of service to the federal government, John Wendolowski, the Director of Support Equipment and Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment Engineering Department for the Naval Air Systems Command is retiring on December 1, 2007 at Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst, New Jersey.

Mr. Wendolowski has been responsible for the management of over 1,300 civilian and military employees conducting and directing research, design, development, maintenance and operation of numerous Naval Aircraft Systems at both Lakehurst and Patuxent River, MD for the past two years. Mr. Wendolowski's prior senior executive assignments include NAVAIR Deputy Assistant Commander for Acquisition (2003 to 2006), NAVAIR Director for Logistics Management (2000 to 2003), and Director of Engineering for NAWC Aircraft Division (1997 to 2000).

A native of Philadelphia, PA and current resident of Cream Ridge, NJ, Mr. Wendolowski entered the Senior Executive Service in February 1997 after successfully completing a range of critical program and corporate assignments. He began his career at Lakehurst in 1975 as a mechanical engineer after graduating from Drexel University. He later earned a Masters Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

In commenting on his career and service to the Navy, Mr. Wendolowski stated, "I would like to thank all the folks I worked with in my many years at NAVAIR. They are truly a great group of professionals and clearly the world's experts at what they do – providing the expertise and know-how that enables aircraft to

launch and recover from ships at sea. This is a capability that has been matched in magnitude and reliability by no other nation in the world.”

Mr. Wendolowski went on to comment, “we are in the midst of a revolutionary change in the technology that will support the next generation of aircraft carriers starting with CVN-78. It is an exciting time to be working for the Navy with the advent of the Electromagnetic Launch System (EMALS), the Advanced Arresting Gear (AAG) and the Aviation Data Management and Control System (ADMACS). These are once in a lifetime advances and changes in the technology of how the Navy will conduct aviation operations at sea. And the folks at Lakehurst are at the tip of the spear in turning these dreams into reality. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with such talented and dedicated professionals, and I know they will continue to do great work for our Navy far into the future.”

Also a recipient of the Navy’s Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award, Mr. Wendolowski plans to remain in the Central New Jersey area to enjoy his retirement with his family and his love of outdoor athletic activities. He will possibly pursue some consultation work in the future.

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